

REMARKS

The applicant thanks the Examiner for the thorough examination of the application. No new matter is believed to be added to the application by this amendment.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application. Claims 1-6 and 8-16 are allowed. Claim 7 has been amended to depend upon claim 3.

Objection to the Specification

The Examiner objects to the specification as containing informalities. The Examiner's comments have been considered. The specification has been amended to be free from informalities in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for being indefinite. Applicant respectfully traverses.

The Examiner's comments have been considered. Claim 7 has been amended to depend upon claim 3. As a result, claim 7 is clear, definite and has full antecedent basis.

This rejection is accordingly overcome and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has acknowledged the allowability of the subject matter of all the instant claims.

Prior Art

The prior art cited but not utilized by the Examiner indicates the status of the conventional art that the invention supercedes. Additional remarks are accordingly not necessary.

Foreign Priority

The Examiner has acknowledged foreign priority in the Office Action mailed May 28, 2004.

The Drawings

The Examiner is respectfully requested to indicate whether the drawing figures are acceptable in the next official action.

Conclusion

All the objections and/or rejections have addressed, overcome or rendered moot. Therefore, no issues remain. The Examiner is accordingly respectfully requested to allow the application.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Roberty E. Goozner, Ph.D. (Reg. No. 42,593) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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